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1. The Central Laboratory (Zentral-Laboratorium) is a division of the East German Ministry for Post and Telecommunications (Post und Fernmeldewesen). At the time of my departure, Heiss was the titular head of this ministry and Dipl. Ing. Probst was its technical director. [See Annex (A), an Organization Chart of the Central Laboratory, and Annex (B), a Site Layout of the Laboratory.] Their office was known as the General-Intendanz. The various sections, which handled affairs of the existing broadcast, as well as the proposed television stations of East Germany, were under the jurisdiction of the General-Intendanz. These stations were to be located in Berlin-Adlershof, Leipzig, Dresden, and possibly Halle. In addition to a section for each of these broadcast and television stations, there was

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the Central Laboratory which handled the experimental activities of both radio and television.

2. Although the Central Laboratory and the television station at Adlershof were each a section, they were both under the direction of KLEINERT, a politician who has somewhat displaced MAHLE. Both of these men were subordinate to PROBST and HEISS in the General Intendanz.

ORGANIZATION OF THE CENTRAL LABORATORY

3. The Central Laboratory, under the direction of KLEINERT and MAHLE, is divided into two branches--radio and television. Dipl. Ing. STIER, the technical director of the Central Laboratory, is chief of the television branch.

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There are two major sections of the television branch--the television section, headed by Dipl. Ing. MATZKE and the high vacuum section, headed by Dipl. Ing. HASS. The radio branch was moved to a new (eight-story) building located in Rummelsburg by Kraftwerk Klingenberg. The new vacuum department (see paragraph 5) expanded into the area formerly occupied by this radio branch.

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THE TELEVISION SECTION

Cameras

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4. Chief- Dipl. Ing. Werner HOFFMANN
HOFFMAN was the technical director of the television studios as well as being in charge of camera development.

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Deflection circuits and scanning systems

Chief- Ing. Emil SIEGEL

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Intermediate frequency amplifiers

Chief- Dr. Ing. STRACK, a physicist

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High frequency activities

Chief- Dipl. Ing. LEGLER
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Chief - Dipl. Ing. MALY

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Chief- Ing. RICHTER

THE HIGH VACUUM SECTION

5. There were approximately 50 employees in the high vacuum laboratory. They plan to work on the development and production of all types of television and transmitter tubes. HASS, the chief of the section, had had success with his work on the development of infrared iconoscopes while in Moscow. Although iconoscopes were a bottleneck in Soviet Zone production, Dr. ECKHARDT, a specialist in the infrared field, came to our laboratories to work as a "free worker" and developed two satisfactory iconoscopes for use with normal light. It was said that after October 1952, 500 of these iconoscopes were going to be produced monthly. (These iconoscopes are for normal light use.) As stated previously, the offices of the radio broadcasting section was moved--to make way for this new high vacuum department.

6. In connection with the possible monthly production and use of 500 iconoscopes [redacted] these iconoscopes will not be sent to the USSR since good quality Russian-made iconoscopes were in adequate quantity there. (These Russian iconoscopes had a life of approximately 300 hours.)

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OPERATION AND PRODUCTION POTENTIAL

7. [redacted] the small studio at Berlin-Adlershof will be ready to operate on an eight-hour day schedule in about one and a half years. By that time they will have two or three television cameras and the remainder of the organization will be operative. [redacted] the rooms for the artists were in the final stages of being completed and equipped. AUGUSTIN, a former motion picture executive, was the supervisor of the television studios. [redacted]

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[redacted] the studios will function smoothly in spite of all difficulties. The layout of these quarters was really much better than that of the FTZ. [redacted]

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[redacted] the technical installation and the stages were inferior to those at Adlershof.

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8. The transmitter at Berlin-Adlershof was a provisional one; the regular one was not yet completed. There was some trouble with the transmitter. [redacted]

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[redacted] it seemed that they had to go to the legal channel, number five, and the transmitter would not tune up that high. There was a second difficulty which had to do with the separation between the picture channel and the audio-channel. It was originally planned for a total band of five megacycles and the Soviets ordered that they go to six megacycles.

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[redacted] a Czechoslovakian commission visited
Adlershof to investigate the possibilities of purchasing
tubes and equipment. [redacted] 25X1

[redacted] the mission was kept quite secret. 25X1

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10. The vacuum tubes that are made in the USSR are of very poor
quality. [redacted]

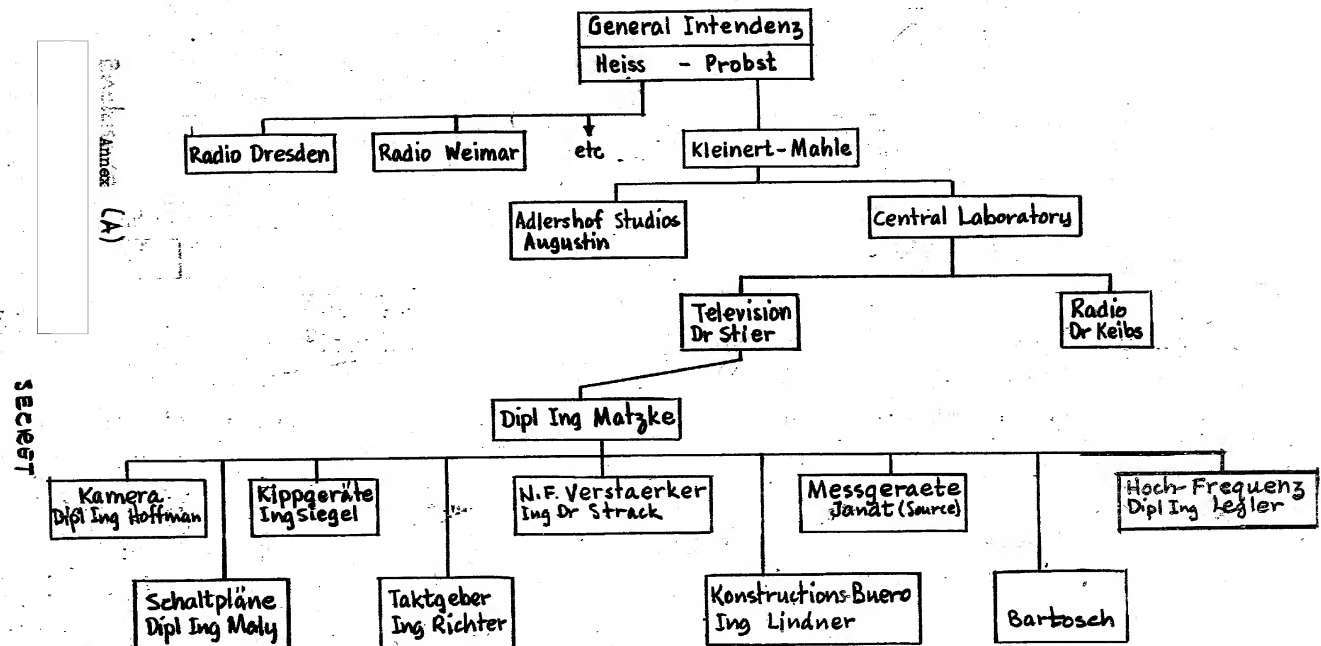
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Annex (A): Organization Chart, Central Laboratory,
Berlin-Adlershof, Germany (SovZone)

Annex (B): Site Layout, Central Laboratory Building, Berlin-
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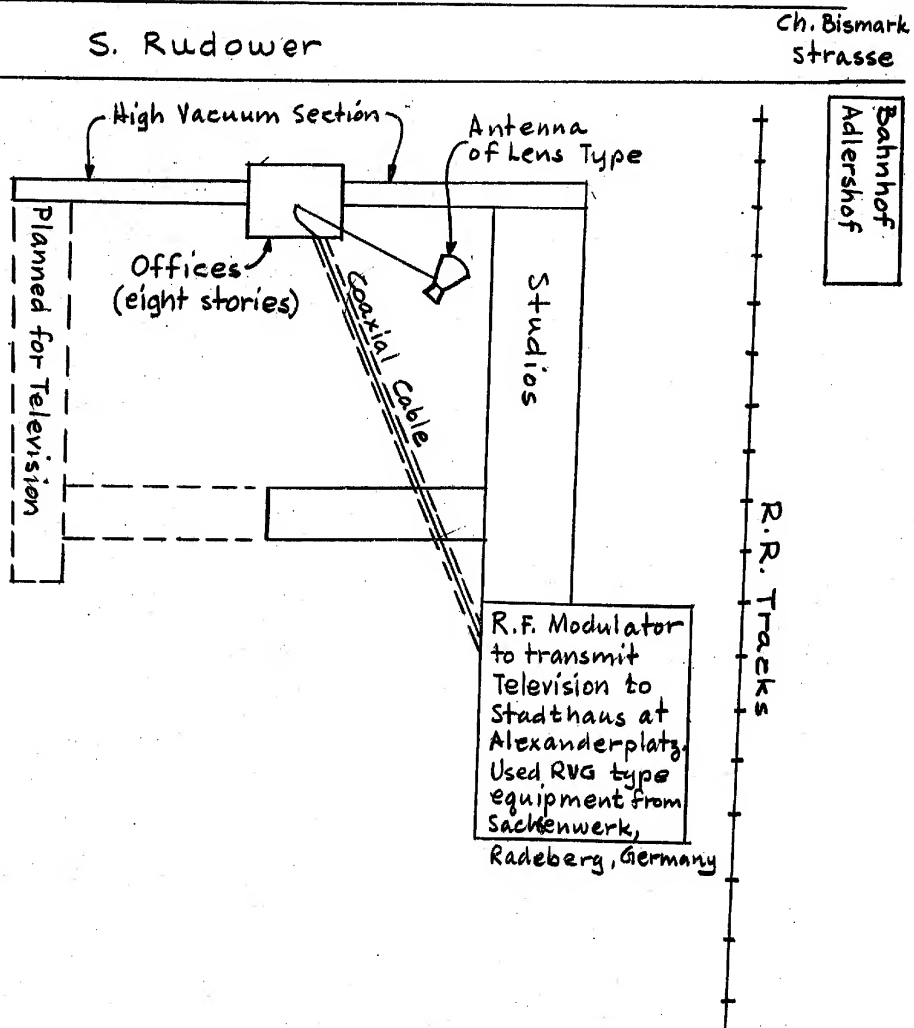
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ORGANIZATION CHART - CENTRAL LABORATORY
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SITE LAYOUT - CENTRAL LABORATORY BUILDING
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Annex (B)



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